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It will also prove fruitless to deter terrorists from using unregulated technology that has stronger privacy and encryption than that allowed to law abiding US citizens.

The FBI already has sufficient means to investigate individuals that are suspected of terrorism or criminal activity. The potential for abuse for a system that creates a backdoor into every new data communication system is just too high.

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